

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 106
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A RESOLUTION to honor the United States Armed Forces, and particularly Senior Airman Monica Joy Seavers, USAF, of Gibson County, for their meritorious service to this nation.

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by individuals who were willing to sacrifice themselves and put aside their personal needs and concerns in order to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such fine soldier and representative of this State is Senior Airman Monica Joy Seavers, United States Air Force, who proudly flew the American flag and the flag of the State of Tennessee over Afghanistan during a bombing mission on August 22, 2002, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom; her loyalty to the State of Tennessee is as unquestionable as is her love of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gibson County and currently stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, as a proud member of the 93rd Bomb Squadron, Senior Airman Monica Seavers is but one of thousands of Tennesseans who have continued the time-honored tradition

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of volunteerism and altruism through service in the U.S. Armed Forces; these individuals selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, as accentuated by the tragic events and cowardly acts of terror inflicted upon the United States on September 11, 2001, we live in an era in which the fabric of international relations is complex and densely interwoven; the terrain is treacherous, and our nation must act judiciously and with earnest resolve in order to protect the American way of life and the institution of democracy, and to make the world safe for the advancement of personal and political freedom for the entirety of humankind; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, remarkable soldiers like Senior Airman Monica Seavers have nobly shouldered the responsibility of ridding the international community of the scourge that is terrorism, beginning with Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and continuing to this day, as they actively maintain a vigilant presence throughout the world, guarding against those who would seek to destroy our way of life and demolish our hard-earned freedoms; and

WHEREAS, these intrepid men and women from Tennessee and across America are unselfishly paying the price of freedom for their friends, families, and all of us as they sacrifice their time, safety, and personal desires; if war disrupts the peace and prosperity of American life, these individuals will enter the fray on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they have left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; and

WHEREAS, we extend our most heartfelt support and empathy to the families of our servicemen and servicewomen now on active duty; we stand in solidarity with them, offering space in our hearts and moments in our days to remember their loved ones serving so far from home; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous men and women of our Armed Forces who are fighting to preserve the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor

them to the full extent of our ability, as they make untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is also most fitting that we should express our admiration and gratitude to Senior Airman Monica Joy Seavers for her meritorious service to her State and country; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we express our boundless pride in the members of the United States Armed Forces who avidly guard our liberties and ensure that democracy and justice prevail, keeping our world safe through Operation Enduring Freedom and missions elsewhere on this fragile and war-torn earth. We join their families and friends in their prayers for a safe and speedy return of their loved ones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we specially recognize Senior Airman Monica Joy Seavers, 93rd Bomb Squadron, United States Air Force, for her unparalleled and estimable service to the State of Tennessee and to the United States, welcome her to the floor of this House, and specially thank her for her presentation of the American and Tennessee flags that were flown over Afghanistan to the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.